Monthly Gas Utility Statistical Report

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Residential sales, commercial sales, and industrial sales showed a decline in July of 1983 compared to last year. Residential sales decreased 4.4 percent, commercial sales decreased 5.4 percent, and industrial sales decreased 20.1 percent. Total gas utility sales were down 15.5 percent from 827.3 trillion Btu in July 1982 to 698.8 trillion Btu in July 1983.

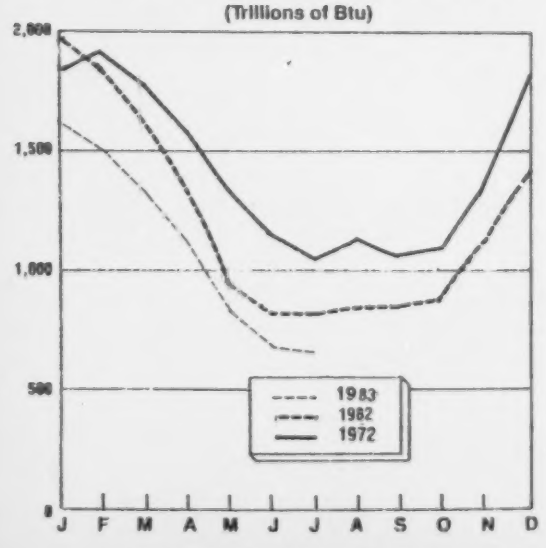
GAS SALES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS
(Trillions of Btu)

	July			Year to Date		January 1 to December 31		
	1983	1982	% Change[2]	1983*	(% change from) Last Period	1983 Forecast[1]	1982	% Change
Residential	133.9	140.0	- 4.4	2,993.5	- 10.4	4,449.1	4,770.0	- 5.8
Commercial	92.0	97.3	- 5.4	1,489.7	- 9.6	2,320.8	2,471.3	- 6.1
Industrial	465.5	582.6	- 20.1	3,263.8	- 21.6	5,994.1	6,891.6	-13.0
Other	7.4	7.4	-	88.8	-	156.4	147.6	-
Total	698.8	827.3	- 15.5	7,835.8	- 15.2	12,962.4	14,280.5	- 9.2

Gas sales are based on a sample of 69 companies whose sales constitute about 65 percent of the total gas sales to ultimate consumers.

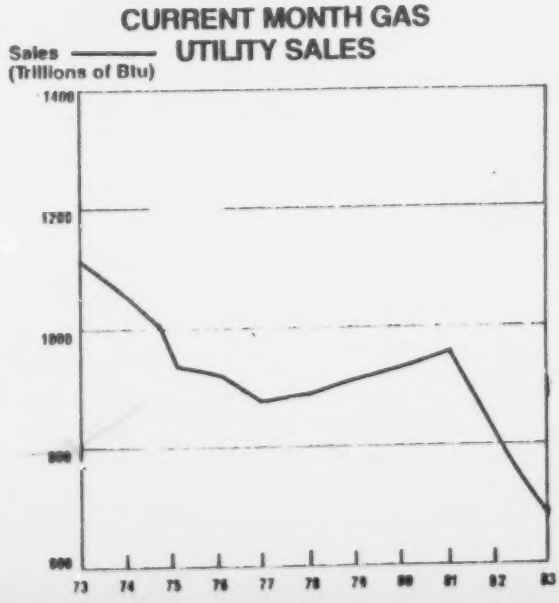
*The year to date sales figures have been adjusted to reflect 1982 Gas Facts.

MONTHLY GAS UTILITY SALES



The peak year in sales for the Gas Utility Industry occurred in 1972.

CURRENT MONTH GAS UTILITY SALES



RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS
(Thousands of Units)

	July		
	1983	1982[R]	% Change '82 vs '83
Domestic Range			
Gas	104.1	95.5	+ 9.0
Electric	196.6	167.4	+ 17.4
Clothes Dryers			
Gas	42.9	41.8	+ 2.6
Electric	163.5	154.5	+ 5.8
Warm Air Furnaces			
Gas	113.4	78.0	+ 45.4
Electric	29.1	14.7	+ 98.0
Oil	6.1	5.0	+ 22.0
Boilers			
Gas	7.2	7.0	+ 2.9
Electric	0.1	0.1	- 2.4
Oil	4.5	3.8	+ 19.4

[R]Revised

Sources: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

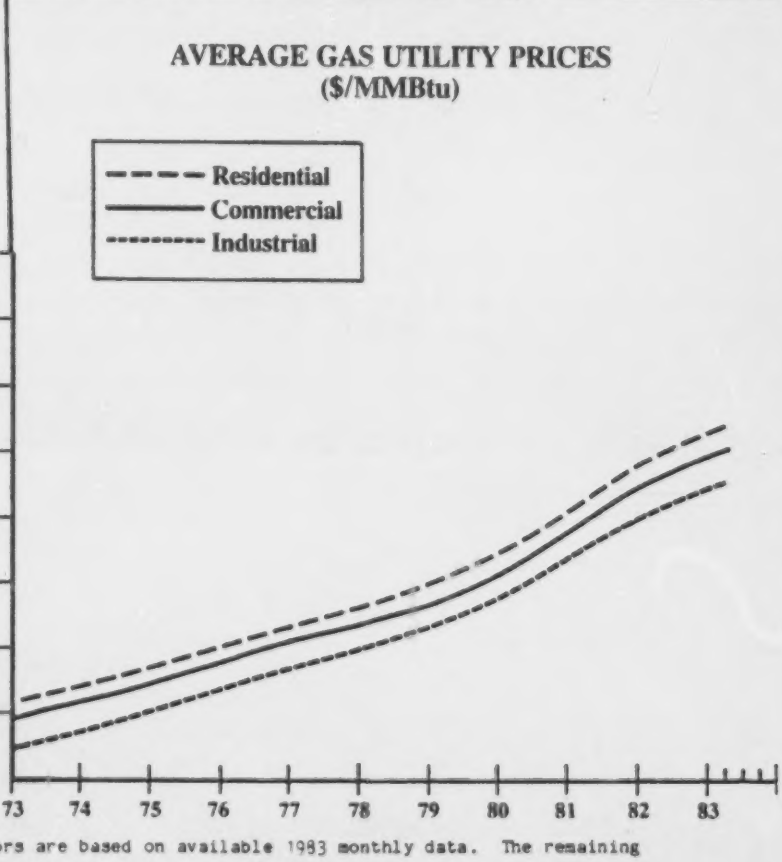
	July		
	1983	1982	% Change '82 vs '83
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	155.9	106.8	+ 46.0
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1967 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	593.0	500.2	+ 18.6
Electricity	341.1	330.5	+ 3.2
Fuel Oil	627.2	688.6	- 8.9
Index Total Gas Sales (1967 = 100)	84.3	99.8	- 15.5
Gas Utility Prices ($/MMBtu)			
Residential	6.61	5.66	+ 16.8
Commercial	5.49	4.85	+ 13.2
Industrial	4.26	3.98	+ 7.0
Total	4.87	4.36	+ 11.7

Sources: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics, A.G.A.

AVERAGE ANNUAL GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)

Year	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.	Oth.
1973	0.79	1.25	0.95	0.50	0.44
1974	0.95	1.42	1.11	0.66	0.60
1975	1.29	1.69	1.38	0.99	0.94
1976	1.60	1.98	1.68	1.31	1.36
1977	1.97	2.33	2.07	1.69	1.74
1978	2.18	2.53	2.28	1.90	1.79
1979	2.52	2.92	2.66	2.23	1.94
1980	3.13	3.61	3.34	2.79	2.64
1981	3.65	4.16	3.91	3.29	3.46
1982	4.44	4.97	4.72	3.97	4.30
1983[P](1st qtr)	5.23	5.64	5.40	4.56	5.02

[P]Preliminary



[1]1983 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1983 monthly data. The remaining months are derived by using a four year average.

The industrial sector forecast is also based on available 1983 monthly data. The remaining months of 1983 are heavily weighted by last years sales with no adjustment made for degree days.

[2]The percent change is a function of the 69 sample companies.